

Bike Trails

A multiple use trail allows mountain bikes. Rental bikes are not available.

Planned Programs

The park schedules a variety of interpretive and recreational programs during summer months.

Boating

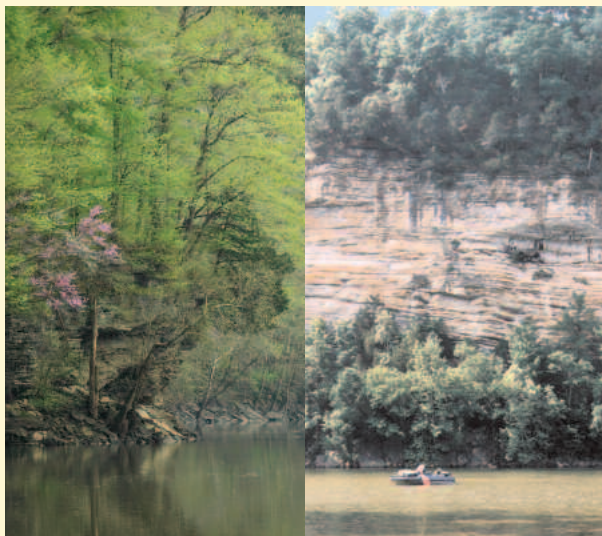
Rock Island has a launch ramp on Center Hill Lake.

Gift Shop

The park office sells T-Shirts, caps and other clothing items.

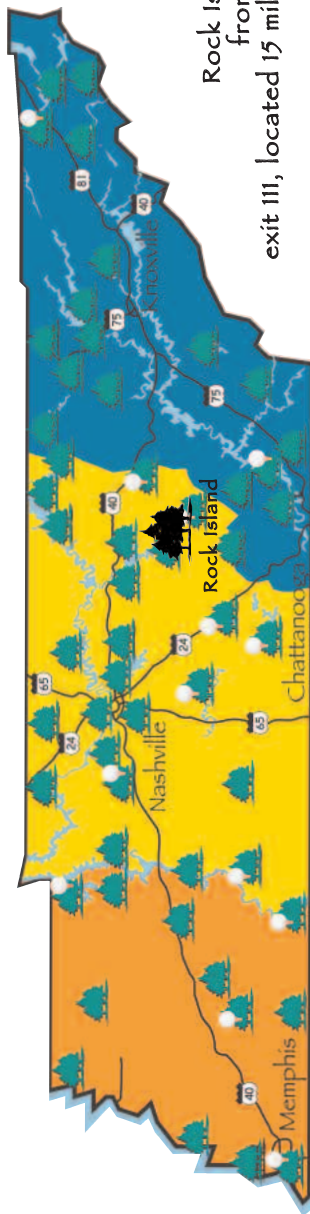
Other Nearby State Parks

- Burgess Falls State Natural Area, Sparta, 25 miles
- Fall Creek Falls State Park, Pikeville, 30 miles



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Hours of Operation:

7:30a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

For Further Information and Reservations Contact:

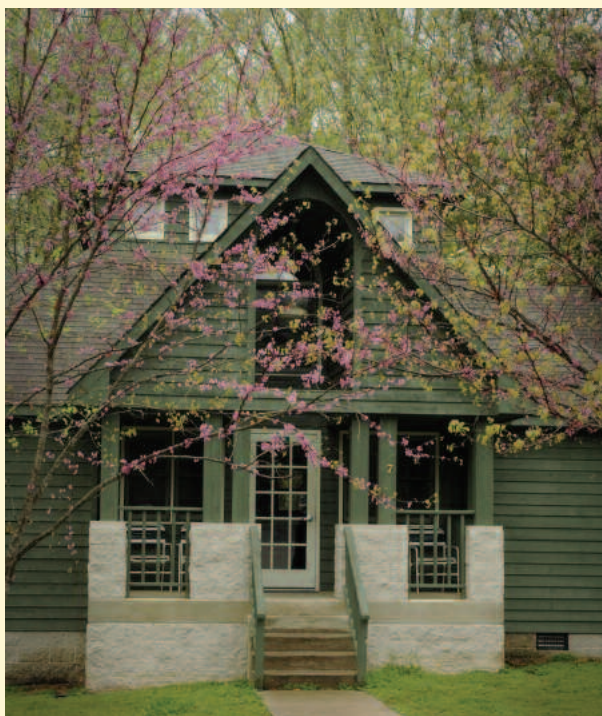
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TENNESSEE STATE PARKS ROCK ISLAND STATE PARK





Rock Island State Park

is noted for water and water related activities and contains 883 acres. Whether sightseeing, swimming, fishing, kayaking, or canoeing, Rock Island has something for you. It is famous for the Caney Fork River Gorge located just below Great Falls Dam. The open gorge provides rugged beauty, waterfalls, streams, and deep pools.

Rock Island was named for an island in the Caney Fork River. A textile mill operated here in the 1890's. In 1917 a hydroelectric plant and dam was built by the Tennessee Electric Power Company just downstream from the Caney Fork and Collins Rivers, creating Great Falls Lake. The plant's village and Rock Island thrived during this time, for employees and as a resort. The community water supply, resembling a castle, is now a charming park feature. The Tennessee Valley Authority took over operations in the 1940's, and in 1966 leased property to the State of Tennessee for park development. Rock Island has since been a leading recreation area.

Picnic Areas

Rock Island has two shelters that may be reserved up to one year in advance. If not reserved, they may be used on a first-come basis. One has four tables and one has seven. Each has a large grill and adjacent restrooms.

Cabins

Rock Island has ten cabins, open year-round. Each three-bedroom, two-bath cabin comes equipped for housekeeping including microwave, cooking utensils, dishes, and linens. Each features a fireplace with gas logs (winter only), TV, DVD, VCR, and charcoal grill. One is handicapped accessible and one designated for pets. Reservations may be made up to one year in advance.

Fishing

Fishing is available year round. Center Hill Lake is known for largemouth and small-mouth bass, catfish, and walleye. Bait, tackle, and required fishing licenses are available at local stores.

Camping

Rock Island has two campgrounds. The main campground contains 50 sites that accommodate RV's, trailers, or tents. Each is equipped with 20/30 amp electrical and water hook-ups, charcoal grill, and picnic table. Two bathhouses with hot water showers and a dump station are available.

The tent campground contains 10 sites, each with electrical and water hook-ups, charcoal grill, and picnic table. A bathhouse with hot water services this campground.

Rock Island takes camping reservations up to one year in advance. Ice is available at the camp store. Pets are allowed as long as they are leashed.

